

# Greetings! We are....

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# Wastewater Treatment Division

## Mission:

We protect public health and enhance the environment by collecting and treating wastewater while recycling valuable resources for the Puget Sound region.



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# WTD Services

Anytime somebody in the blue areas on this map washes their dishes or flushes their toilet, it goes to a King County wastewater treatment facility.

## The regional wastewater system serves:

- 1.7 million people
- 17 cities & 17 sewer districts through local agreements



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# Regional Water Quality Responsibilities



WTD has been the lead agency in the region involved in improving water quality, since its predecessor Metro was formed in the 1950s. At that time raw sewage was the main source of pollution in Lake Washington and other areas.

Responsibilities go beyond treating wastewater & recycling resources, to protecting regional water quality—which involves source control, monitoring & protecting lakes, streams, rivers, and the Puget Sound, and education.



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# Overview of WaterWorks

- Purpose: *To support sound investments in clean water and community.*
- Available funding: \$1,860,000
- Grant amounts \$20,000 to \$250,000
- Eligible applicants:
  - Non-profits
  - Educational institutions and schools
  - Cities, counties, and special purpose districts
  - Tribes

**Letters of Intent are due June 7<sup>th</sup>!**

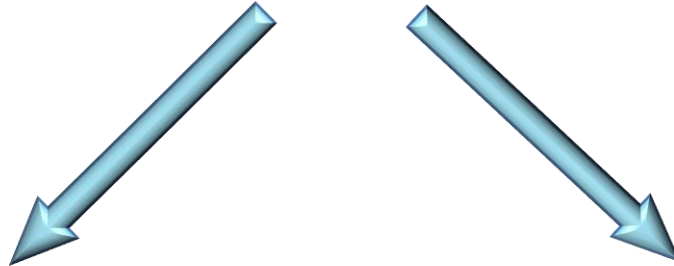


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# Two Tracks



## WaterWorks competitive grants

2015	11 projects
2016	12 projects

## Council-allocated funding

2015-2016	26 projects
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Same criteria, different selection process.



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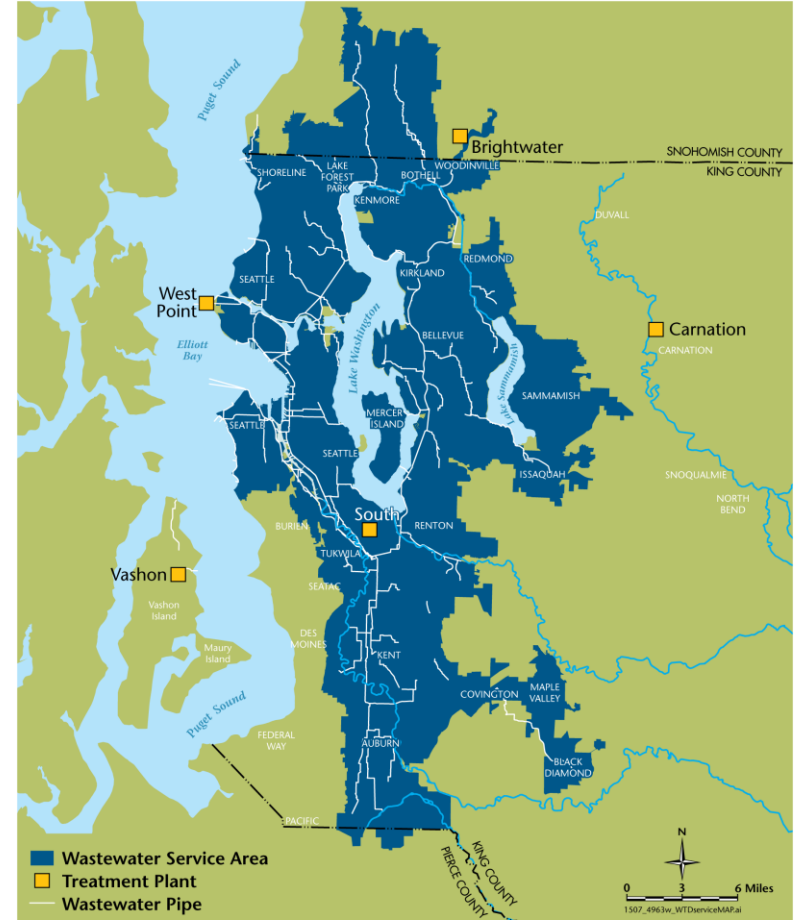
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# Projects *must*...

1. Create a benefit to or **improvement in water quality** within **WTD's service area** that also benefits its ratepayers
2. Demonstrate that water quality benefits are related to WTD's regional water quality responsibilities



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# Evaluation Criteria

Water quality benefits	60%
Implementation strength and certainty of success	20%
Community involvement	20%
Equity and Social Justice	included above



These are the 3 main criteria and how the different sections will be weighted.

ESJ considerations (determinants of equity) are included in all categories.



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# Types of projects:

Research

Water quality monitoring and assessment

Riparian restoration



# Types of projects:

Education and outreach

Community engagement

Green Stormwater Infrastructure





# Leber Homestead-Arsenic Remediation

## Project with multiple benefits

- Benefits include protecting water quality by removing contaminated soil; creating side channel habitat for young salmon; storing flood water to protect people and property
- Project will create 1.6-acres of new floodplain wetland and provide nearly 50 acre-feet of additional flood storage.
- Existing 80-90 year old trees will remain that will provide important shading for the Green River.
- 43 large wood structures and 30,000 shrubs and trees will provide structure and habitat for salmon seeking refuge from flood flows.





# Timeline

June 7, 5 pm	Deadline for letters of intent LOI's
Summer	Review letters of intent
August 2	Applicants notified of status
September 13, 5 pm	Deadline for full application
Fall	Review
Winter 2018	Authorization
Summer 2018	Projects begin!



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# Review Process

## Ranking Committee

3	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee Representatives
Up to 9	King County resident representatives
1	Water quality technical specialist



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# Equity and Social Justice

*Fair and Just =  
overarching principle*

- King County has adopted equity and social justice into all of our work.
- Economy and quality of life depends on everyone's ability to contribute.
- Health and wealth depend on race and place—where you live.
- We encourage proposals that include ESJ



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# What to Expect if Funded

- Projects will begin in summer 2018
- Reporting
  - Quarterly expense reporting
  - Quarterly progress reports
  - Final narrative and financial closeout reports
- Project completion 2 years after contracting

Also, we love receiving progress photos and coming to events!  
Invite us!



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# TIPS

- Create your account in advance, start on your draft early.
- Don't wait until the last minute! We cannot accept late applications.
- Review the grant guidelines, application instructions, and funding policies sections of the website.
- Make sure your narrative, your scope of work, and your budget connect to each other in a logical way and are clear.
- Double-check your math on budgets



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# QUESTIONS?

**For more information and program updates, visit:**

**[www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants](http://www.kingcounty.gov/waterworks-grants)**

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